जैसे संबंधित रेलवे अधिकारियों के पास जाना होता है। रेलवे अधिकारी एक प्राधिकार जारी करता है जिसके आधार पर स्टेशन मास्टर बहिर्यात्रा तथा वापसी यात्रा के लिए रियाती टिकटें जारी करता है।

(ग) और (घ) लाइफ एटर्नल ट्रस्ट, नई दिल्ली विगत कुछ वर्षों से स्थायी रियायती की स्वीकृति के लिए अनुरोध कर रहा है। रेल टैरिफ जांच समिति तथा रेल किराया और माल भाड़ा समिति ने सिफारिश की थी कि रियायत कम से कम की जानी चाहिए। अतः नीतिगत मामले के रूप में, वित्तीय तंगियों के कारण अन्य संगठनों के नाम इस सूची में शामिल नहीं किए जा रहे हैं। उनके अलग-अलग सम्मेलनों के लिए रियायत की स्वीकृति हेतु अनुरोधों पर गुणदोषों के आधार पर वित्तीय तंगियों के अध्यधीन विचार किया जाना जारी रहेगा।

Rerouting of Gns 1 EMU train

2932. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that EMU train GNS 1 at 8.55 a.m. from Ghaziabad to Shakur Basti has been rerouted from Mathura instead of New Delhi and it is invariably late at Ghaziabad since then and has been a problem for office goers;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken up by Government to originate the local train at the same time from Ghaziabad; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the train does run late some times due to bad weather, Alarm Chain Pulling, miscreat activities, accidents, equipment failures etc. besides operational reasons. All efforts, including round the clock monitoring, are made to run this train to schedule.

आरक्षित डिब्बों में अनधिकृत रूप से यात्रा करना

2933. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेल मंत्रालय को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रेलवे पास धारक यात्री जो प्रतिदिन दिल्ली से जयपुर, जोधपुर और अहमदाबाद जाने वाली गाड़ियों में यात्रा करते हैं, वे इन गाड़ियों के आरक्षित डिब्बों में जबरदस्ती घुस आते हैं जिससे आरक्षित टिकट पर यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के लिए काफी परेशानियां खड़ी कर देते हैं; और

(ख) क्या रेलवे का इन यात्रियों को अनधिकृत रूप से आरक्षित डिब्बों में यात्रा करने से रोकने के लिए कोई कड़ी और प्रभावी कार्रवाई करने का विचार है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी हां। कुछ मामले ध्यान में आए हैं।

(ख) आरक्षित सवारी डिब्बों में टिकट जांच कर्मचारियों को तैनात करने के अलावा टिकट रहित अनियमित यात्रा के संबंध में तथा आरक्षित सवारी डिब्बों में अनधिकृत यात्रियों का प्रवेश रोकने हेतु भी रेल सुरक्षा बल तथा राजकीय रेल पुलिस के सहयोग से वाणिज्यिक और सतर्कता विभागों के दस्तों द्वारा नियमित रूप से गहन अभियान चलाए जाते हैं। वर्ष 1998-99 (फरवरी, 99 तक) दौरान 11.07 लाख जांचे आयोजित की गई थीं जिसके परिणामस्वरूप 100.14 लाख व्यक्ति पकड़े गये थे तथा रेल अधिनियम के उपबंधों के अनुसार कार्रवाई की गई।

Provision of free access to Passengers for Anand Vihar railway station

2934. SHRI SURYBHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4262 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 1998 and state:

(a) the details of the Civil Authorities and the concerned residents associations with whom the matter regarding removal of gates has been taken up and what has been the outcome thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railway Ministry is unable to take a justifiable/ impartial decision in the matter due to

the influence of the persons responsible for encroachments, as most of them are retired senior Railway officials; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to provide free access to passengers for Anand Vihar Railway Station who are facing the problem for a very long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The Deputy Commissioner, East District, Delhi was approached to get the gates removed; and despite reminders no action has so far been taken.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The gates were ereted by a Cooperative housing society and manned by Chowkidars for security reasons and closed during night. As the gates are not in Railway land, the matter has been referred to the Civil Authorities for getting the gates removed for the larger interest of Railway passengers.

Harassment of passengers in Tatkal Coach of Saraighat Express

2935. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item, "Cooped up with crooks on train" appearing in the "Statesman" dated 14.3.99 regarding harassment to passengers of the Tatkjal coach of Howrah bound 3046 Saraighat Express on 12.3.99;

(b) the action taken so far by the Railways in this incident; and

(c) the short term and long term action plan of government to prevent recurrence of such harsassement to the passengers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rail projects in U.P.

2936. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing rail projects in Uttar Pradesh since last three years, till date;

(b) what is the stipulated date for completion of these projects, alongwith the status of the progress made so far; and

(c) the funds provided for above projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The details of ongoing Railway Projects are available in the White Paper on Railway Projects placed in Parliament on 28.7.1998. Allocation of funds to Railway projects is a need based exercise where the relative priority of the project depending upon its physical progress, operational importance, national and strategic significance and social desirability; is the guiding factor. A number of Railway projects span across more than one State. Therefore, State/Regional boundaries are not a criterion for deciding Railway investments. Statwise details of Railway Projects are, therefore, not maintained.

Passenger Facilities at Railways Stations in Andhra Pradesh

2937. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been negligible improvement in passenger facilities at Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh;